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PN339 ARMY nomination of Thanh Minh Do, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN340 ARMY nomination of Lorine Lagatta, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN341 ARMY nomination of Gary Zeitz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN397 ARMY nominations (67) beginning SUNNY S.* AHN, and ending ERIC W.* YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2005.

PN425 ARMY nominations (22) beginning LISA M. AMOROSO, and ending SAMUEL L. YINGST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

PN426 ARMY nominations (43) beginning STEVEN B.* ANDERSON, and ending COLIN S.* TURNNIDGE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

PN427 ARMY nominations (130) beginning CHRISTOPHER B.* ACKERMAN, and ending CHARLES D. ZIMMERMAN JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

PN428 ARMY nominations (134) beginning HERMAN A. ALLISON, and ending HEATHER L. ZUNIGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN316 MARINE CORPS nomination of William L. Rumble, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN342 MARINE CORPS nomination of Amy V. Dunning, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN343 MARINE CORPS nomination of David J. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN344 MARINE CORPS nomination of Michael Akselrud, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN345 MARINE CORPS nominations (52) beginning CHARLES R. BAUGHN, and ending PHILLIP J. WOODWARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS

COMMENDING THE VIRGINIA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed en bloc to the following resolutions submitted earlier today: S. Res. 128, S. Res. 129, S. Res. 130, and S. Res. 131.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the measures en bloc.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to support an important resolution designating the 30th day of April 2005 as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans."

Nations throughout the world, and especially within Latin America, celebrate Día de los Niños on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country's future—their children. Many American Hispanic families continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day by celebrating Día de los Niños in their homes.

The designation of a day to honor the children of the Nation will help affirm for the people of the United States the significance of family, education, and community. This special recognition of children will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on their future, articulate their dreams and aspirations, and find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities. This resolution calls on the American people to join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and States across the Nation to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Joining me as original cosponsors to this resolution are JOHN CORNYN, CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, MEL MARTINEZ, and LISA MURKOWSKI.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join us in promptly passing this resolution designating April 30, 2005, Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I rise, on behalf of myself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KENNEDY, to support a bipartisan resolution calling on the American people to observe North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, May 1 through May 7, 2005. This week is designed to increase the awareness and importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace. I introduced a similar resolution in May 2002, and I am proud to sponsor it again.

The focus of this year's North American Occupational Safety and Health

Week is on the estimated 5,500 people killed in workplace accidents and the millions who suffer on-the-job injuries and illnesses each year. The week will focus on preventing such tragedies from occurring and draw attention to the positive return on investment for businesses that invest in occupational safety and health.

The Department of Labor recently gave the Monsanto research facility in Waterman, IL, its top safety classification: Star Certification in the Voluntary Protection Program. VPP is a program that goes beyond current workplace regulations to establish cooperative relationships between management and workers to implement a comprehensive health and safety system. It requires rigorous review by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and involves companies with injury rates which average about 53 percent lower than the average for their industry.

OSHA also recognized three Illinois beef packing companies for their exemplary injury and illness records. Aurora Packing Company, Inc., of North Aurora, New City Packing Company, Inc., of Aurora, and Prairie Packaging Company of Bridgeview were commended by OSHA's VPP. Aurora and New City have achieved Star Conditional status for 11 years now, and Prairie was recognized this year as a Merit Participant. Fewer than 1,000 Federal worksites under Federal jurisdiction share this honor and I am very proud of their accomplishments. The Labor Department says VPP sites are "models for what employers and employees can accomplish by working cooperatively with one another and with OSHA to achieve a level of worker protection that goes beyond compliance with Government regulations." The VPP program is a win-win situation for everyone because workers experience fewer illnesses and injuries, and companies can expect lower workers' compensation costs. While there is more work to be done to improve the health and safety of America's workers, I congratulate these firms for their achievements.

The American Society of Safety Engineers, based in Des Plaines, IL, is a major proponent of North American Occupational Health and Safety Week and has sponsored this awareness week for many years. ASSE is the world's oldest and largest professional safety organization. It is a 90-year-old non-profit association and has more than 30,000 members. It is committed to protecting people, property, and the environment. Together with OSHA, ASSE will be working to educate employees, employers and the public about the positive benefits of occupational safety and health programs; raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health, and environmental professionals; and reduce workplace injuries and illness by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs.